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SUBJECT: SOVIET BUNKERING IN ALGECIRAS

REF: A) MADRID 9367 (NOV. 77), B) MADRID 9479 (NOV. 77),
C. MADRID 10147 (DEC. 77)

1. REFS A, B AND C ADDRESSED SUBJECT OF SOVIET BUNKERING
IN SPANISH PORTS.

2. DEPT (EB/TRA/MA) RECEIVED THIS WEEK FROM DELTA LINES
(US-FLAG CARRIER) PAGE 1777 FROM THE SWISS PUBLICA-
TION, OVERSEAS DIGEST, IN WHICH AN ARTICLE APPEARS
ENTITLED QUOTE SPANISH GOVERNMENT REJECTS SOVIET REQUEST
FOR RUSSIAN MERCHANTMEN TO USE ALGECIRAS INSTEAD OF
CEUTA UNQUOTE. ARTICLE IS QUOTED VERBATIM FOR YOUR
INFORMATION.

QUOTE. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO GRANT
PERMISSION FOR SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS TO USE ALGECIRAS, OPPO-
SITE GIBRALTAR, AS A SUPPLY PORT INSTEAD OF CEUTA ON
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THE NORTH AFRICAN COAST. THE RUSSIANS MADE THEIR REQUEST
ATTRACTIVE BY STATING THAT APPROXIMATELY 1,500 SOVIET
MERCHANT SHIPS WOULD PUT INTO ALGECIRAS ANNUALLY RESULTING
IN AN INCREASE OF PORT TURNOVER OF ABOUT PTAS 800 MILLION.

THE AUTHORITIES IN CEUTA APPROACHED MADRID AND SAID THAT
IF SOVIET SHIPPING INTERESTS WERE DIVERTED TO ALGECIRAS,

THIS WOULD BE A SEVERE ECONOMIC BLOW TO THE NORTH
AFRICAN PORT. UNQUOTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM VALIDITY OF ARTICLE.
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